GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3049
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PROBLEMS OF TOBACCO GROWERS
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems of tobacco growers of Orissa and Karnataka ;

(b) whether the stipulated norms prescribed for tobacco growers have put them into a great hardship;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to relax the norms; and

(d) if so, the guidelines issued to the Tobacco Board in that regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) : A proposal for relaxation of penalty of 40% of the value of the tobacco sold as a measure to prevent excess crop production is under consideration of the Government.

(d) No guidelines have been issued by the Government in this regard.